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LARGE CIRCULATION
COVERING SUWANNEE
AND THE
ADJOINING COUNTIES

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AND REPRESENTA-
TIVES IN CONGRESS WHO
WILL RETIRE.

END OF PRESENT SESSION

Senators Return to American
Union with the Late Session.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—Twelve Senators and seventy-seven Representatives, members of the present Congress, returned to their homes today after a session of sixty days. The session was the longest since the election of Mr. McKinley in 1896. The election of Mr. McKinley in 1896 and Mr. Stephenson in 1897, who were not having taken place, had the effect of making the number of senatorial absentees to be small.

Of the seventy-seven Representatives, one—Mr. Haysburn, of Iowa—was re-elected. Mr. Sherman, of New York, who becomes Vice-President, has served twenty years in the House. Mr. Cossens of Iowa and Delegate Smith of Indiana have served sixteen years, while Jenkins of Wisconsin, Cooper of Texas, Overstreet of Indiana, Williams of Mississippi and Adelson of Pennsylvania each have served fourteen years. Of the others eight served twelve years, ten years, six years, eight years, nine years, six years, four years and twenty years.

Teller Has Served Since '76.

A year of service Senator Teller of Colorado, who declined re-election, is the honor of the retiring statesmen, having been elected Senator upon the expiration of his term to the Union, since his last December 4, 1876, since which time he has been prominently in the public eye. He resigned from the Senate in 1890 to enter the cabinet of President Arthur as Secretary of the Interior, re-entering the Senate March 4, 1891. A Republican in politics, he was elected to the Republican National Convention in June, 1896, because of the personal attack made by that party, which he has never since approved. He was elected to the Senate as an Independent Union candidate, and in 1903 he was re-elected. He is a member of the Senate Judiciary Commission, and has rendered his public service in that capacity.

Senator Platt of New York served in the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses as a member of the House, entering the Senate in 1881. On May 6 of 1891, when Senator Roscoe Conkling resigned his seat because of difficulties with President Garfield, Mr. Platt was elected, thereby gaining the designation of "No-Too" Platt. He re-entered the Senate March 4, 1897. Although he has been in feeble health for several years, he has attended all important sessions of the Senate.

Senator Fairbanks, whose political career is fresh in the minds of every one, has served in the Senate twelve years.

Markes Cushman to Retire.

Senator Hemenway succeeded Vice-President Fairbanks when the latter resigned his seat in the Senate to become the presiding officer so that he has served four years as a member of that body. Previous to that he had been a member of the House since the Forty-fourth Congress.

Senator McCreary entered the House in the Forty-ninth Congress, and after serving six terms entered the Senate in 1891.

Senators who will retire on March 4 are, Ankeny of Washington, Jones of Oregon, Gary of South Carolina, Hammons of Nebraska, Kittling of South Dakota, Long of Kansas and Milton of Florida.

Representative Hepburn of Iowa has been conspicuously interested in all matters relating to interstate commerce, and with public affairs going on in the nation, having been a delegate to the Republican national convention of 1896.

Representative Williams, former minority leader of the House, retires to enter the private life of a citizen. He has contributed to the cause of the Republic in many ways, and has figured prominently in its history.

THE SUWANNEE RIFLES.

Report of Adjutant General Gives Our Boys Good Percentage in Efficiency.

General orders No. 1, issued January 21st, by the Adjutant General, Chief of Staff, J. Clifford R. Foster, giving the relative efficiency of the Florida State Troop upon their work for the year 1908, places company E 1st infantry, (Suwannee Rifles) fourth in the list.

Our boys have made a fine showing, one every citizen of Suwannee county has a right to feel proud of. They have worked hard to bring themselves up to their present efficiency. The average strength of the company is 64; attendance at drill, 40; attendance at drill and ceremonies, 62; in general appearance 80 per cent; discipline 90 per cent; administration, including records, 85 per cent; recruitment 98 per cent; care of public property, 85 per cent; general average 68 per cent.

The next inspection will be held within a few weeks, and the members of the company are going to try and make a better showing than ever.

INDIANA GOING "DRY."

Prohib Have Added Twentyfour Scalps to Their Belt Recently.

Indianapolis, March 1.—Twenty-four out of twenty-five counties in which "wet and dry" elections have been held during the last few weeks in this state have been carried by the temperance people. Three hundred and eighty-five saloons have been closed. During the past week eleven counties voted on the liquor question and all of them went "dry."

One more county is being contested today, and the chances are that it will be added to the arid belt. During the coming week six more counties will be the scene of contest.

Meeting of State Bankers in Live Oak.

The Inverness Chronicle in its last issue has the following to say of the approaching meeting of the Florida Bankers' Association in this city:

"The next annual meeting of the Florida Bankers' Association will occur at Live Oak, the progressive little capital of Suwannee county, April 23 and 24, and a most profitable and enjoyable meeting is expected. The good people of Live Oak are making preparations for the event, as are those of Dowling Park, where the men of finance will be treated to an old-fashioned country dinner. "An interesting programme will be prepared for the meeting, in which the leading bankers of the state will appear. Last year's meeting occurred at St. Petersburg and Passa-Grille, and there will be much rivalry as to which city gets the meeting of next year. F. A. Wood, of St. Petersburg, is president of the association, George R. DeSausure, of Jacksonville, being secretary and treasurer."

Death of Aged Veteran.

On January 25 at his home near Dowling Park, J. H. Jenkins, an aged and respected Confederate veteran well known in this part of Florida, departed this life, leaving his childless widow to mourn his death. Mr. Jenkins was for many years of his earlier life a rail-roader and was specially expert and efficient as a trackman, at one time having charge of a section on one of the roads entering this city. Of recent years he had been engaged in farming. He was 77 years old at the time of his death. Peace to the departed veteran!

STATE CONVICTS LEASED

For a Term of Four Years Beginning January 1st, 1910.

Tallahassee, March 2.—At a meeting of the commissioners of the State institutions, held here this morning in the executive office, the contract for convicts was awarded to the Florida Pine Company, of Jacksonville, at \$281 per capita per year. Seventeen bids were brought in. The contract, as let, was for the hire of State convicts for a period of four years, to begin January 1, 1910.

D. A. Dunaway, formerly a citizen of Live Oak, but now of Jacksonville, was in the city Wednesday.

REPORT ASST. STATE AUDITOR.

Books of County Officials Examined and Found Correct—All Monies Accounted For.

Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 2, 1909.

To the Governor:

Sir:—I have the honor to report that on November 12th I concluded an examination of the County Officials of Suwannee County, to-wit:

Clerk of the Circuit Court, Tax Collector, Sheriff, County Judge, County Superintendent of Public Instruction and County Treasurer, with the following results:

I find that the Clerk of the Court has on hand or has accounted for all tax-sales certificates with which he is properly charged and that as County Auditor he is keeping accounts with all the county officials which should be kept by him.

The Tax Collector has collected and turned over to the County and State Treasuries all public monies that came into his hands but he has not yet received credit for insolvencies, therefore the tax roll for 1907 is not yet closed.

The office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction is systematic and his records are complete.

The County Judge is reporting promptly the conduct of his office.

The Sheriff is collecting and promptly turning over to the County Treasurer all fines and public monies that come into his hands and reporting same to the County Auditor.

The County Treasurer had properly charged himself with all monies that came into his hands and had on hand, with satisfactory evidences of deposit November 1st, \$2,738.69, distributed as follows:

General Revenue.....	\$ 1 58
Fines and Forfeiture.....	1,416 50
County Roads.....	530 38
Pauper.....	189 62
Outstanding Indebtedness.....	-12 58
Special Roads.....	30
School.....	21 19
State Aid.....	263 03
Sub. School Districts.....	303 51
	\$2,738 69

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. SADLER,
Assistant State Auditor.

MRS. PICKETT AT GAINESVILLE.

Widow of Gettysburg Hero Tells of Her Husband's Immortal Charge.

The crowning treat of our Chautauqua was the lecture given by Mrs. Gen. Pickett Friday night. Everyone was charmed and delighted with this wonderful woman. As she stepped out before the audience she seemed like some beautiful grand-dame of "ye olden times," and all hearts went out to her. It was indeed wonderful to hear her tell of that awful battle of Gettysburg. Her minute description of the battle ground that nature had seemed to make so favorable for this awful struggle, the whole plan of battle, and her most vivid description of that harvest of death as battalion after battalion went up that hill to meet almost certain death, and last of all her gallant husband's famous charge that has made his name immortal. All is told in such a vivid manner as to make it come before your mind's vision like some wonderful picture, for she is a word painter of the highest type, and best of all she is a grand lady in a high sense of the word. Such tact she shows in dealing with her subject; so just and so very correct in everything she said, North and South were so lovingly dealt with, and there is where she shows she is a woman of brain and good blood. The people listened to her with breathless interest as the words poured out of her mouth, and all were charmed with her words even though saddened at the awful story that we would fain forget. After the lecture the people gladly came to the front to take the hand of this noble woman. Many members of the Stonewall Camp, both chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and Mildred Lee Chapter greeted her, also many members of the Lew Wallace Post. Some greeted her who were present on the day of the battle, and they said it was a most accurate description.—Mrs. Elizabeth Smith in Gainesville Sun.

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION.

To the People of Florida Concerning War on Dreaded Consumption.

Tallahassee, Feb. 26.—Gov. Gilchrist has issued the following proclamation: There is now being conducted a campaign of education for the study and prevention of tuberculosis in this state. Tuberculosis has been well described as the great white plague.

The United States census report for the census year ending May 31, 1900, shows that the total deaths of the white race for that year was 892,092. Of this number 87,693, not quite 10 per cent, died from consumption. Of the colored race, the total deaths were 147,002; 22,236, about 15 per cent, being from consumption. The total estimate in Florida was 6,485. 559, less than 9 per cent, died from consumption. Of these 559, 269 died between the ages of 15 and 24.

The state board of health estimates that the money cost of tuberculosis, including capitalized earning power lost by death, exceeds \$8,000 per capita, estimating the number of deaths in 1906 upon this, places the total annual cost in the United States at \$1,100,000,000 per annum. The cost of the suffering to those who have this dread disease cannot be estimated.

The state board of health states that "scientists not only think, but believe that the disease can be checked, and not only checked but obliterated and effaced from the earth, if a well-organized attempt is made in the direction of assistance, and with keen-sighted educational measures and supervision."

"Keen-sighted educational measures" are now being conducted in the state, under the leadership of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. This campaign is being conducted with the co-operation of physicians, health officers, business men and commercial clubs, woman's clubs, labor organizations, church societies, fraternal orders, schools and colleges and the newspapers.

I, therefore, recommend: That all the people residing in this state take advantage of the opportunities now offered them, without cost, to become posted upon and to preserve their health from this dreaded disease.

Done at the executive office this 23rd day of February, A. D. 1909.

Witness my hand and the great seal of the state of Florida.

(Seal) ALBERT W. GILCHRIST,
Governor.

By the governor, attest:
H. CLAY CRAWFORD,
Secretary of State.

Death of a Child.

Grover, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Sumner, was born June 26, 1905, and died Feb. 14, 1909, aged 3 years, 6 months and 19 days.

Sweet little Grover was rose that bloomed here on earth for a few days, and God took him and transplanted him in Heaven's garden. He was too pure to stay in this world. While his stay was so short, he had entwined himself in the hearts of his parents. His departure makes home sad and lonely. His little prattling voice is missed so much in the home, but weep not, dear father and mother, for little Grover is waiting for you in Glory.

We laid the precious little body in its last resting place at Ida Grove church on the 15th day of February, 1909, Rev. A. J. Futch conducting the burial services. The family has the sympathy of the community.

A FRIEND.

W. C. Bache, after a few weeks' visit here with his family, left the first of the week to return to Panama. Before sailing he will visit his son Alvin, at Meridian, Miss. He expects to leave from New Orleans Sunday or Monday. Mr. Bache has a good position with the government on the Panama canal works, and he says it is a beautiful country and the climate is delightful.

V. Granberg couldn't stand it any longer living in single cussedness, and left Sunday for Tampa where his family was visiting. They are all at home now, and he says it will be some time before he agrees again to let his folks all go off on a visit while he stays at home to keep house.

MAD DOG IN CITY MONDAY

AFTER BITING SEVERAL DOGS
IT WAS KILLED BY THE
CITY MARSHAL.

ALL DOGS MUST WEAR MUZZLES

After Examination Pasteur Institute Says Dog Had Hydrophobia. Mayor Issues Notice.

A mad dog made its appearance on the streets of Live Oak last Monday and bit a number of dogs before he was run down by City Marshal Kinkaid and killed. To make sure the dog was mad the head was sent to the Pasteur Institute at Jacksonville Monday afternoon for examination and test, and Tuesday morning Mayor McNeill received a telegram from the institute stating that the test proved beyond the question of a doubt that the dog had a genuine case of hydrophobia.

Mayor McNeill immediately upon receipt of the telegram caused the following notice to be printed and posted:

"A dog having been at large declared to have been afflicted with rabies and having bitten several dogs; therefore, it is hereby ordered that all dogs at large in the city be muzzled within twenty-four hours after this date. All dogs without muzzles will be killed without notice."

All dogs known to have been bitten have either been killed or muzzled.

Marshal Kinkaid will carry out the orders of the mayor, and it will not be healthy for the dog found on the streets without a muzzle securely fastened on. The best and safest plan for owners of dogs is to either muzzle them or tie them up. It is dangerous to allow them to be out on the streets even though they are muzzled.

BIG DEAL CLOSED.

Pierson & Letcher, of the Suwannee Hotel Have Leased the Blanch of Lake City.

W. R. Letcher, of the firm of Pierson & Letcher, proprietors of the Suwannee hotel in this city, closed a deal a few days ago for a lease on the Blanch hotel of Lake City. Mr. Letcher, manager of the Suwannee, is well known to be one of the best hotel men in Florida. He has made a name and reputation for the Suwannee, and to that of no hotel in this State of the very best and is a popular with the traveling public.

Under the lease the Blanch hotel of Lake City will soon pass into the hands of Pierson & Letcher. Mr. Letcher will continue as manager of the hotel and will also manage the hotel. If necessary, Mr. Pierson, who is in the north, will return and manage the hotel. The Suwannee and the Blanch are the largest and best hotels of Florida, and are a splendid business.

Mr. J. W. Hopson, in charge of the Blanch for some time, has bought one of the largest lots in Lakeland and will take an early date.

Lake City is to be congratulated on the fact that their hotel is in such good hands—the management of hotel will not be impaired, but will be improved, as is possible for Mr. Letcher.

City Marshal Kinkaid last Sunday to see that a train of locomotives which at an hour, appalling speed of force that and struck with sukked off both cow-catchers jarred and even the head present to loose. A vast attraction. witness the frig-

company, Mr. Nelson, moved to their new building in barrels at city, and are of the plant. Most the folks are coming in. Mr. Nelson expects for a good fast, and uttering. business as